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SUBJECT: Ambassador Bill Swing, U.S. candidate for  
Director General of IOM, to attend AU summit

REF: (A) STATE 04089; (B) KINSHASA 0066

11. Per ref (A), Charge d'Affaires spoke with Foreign Ministers Antipas Mbusa on January 25. Mbusa, in an ebullient mood following the successful outcome of the Kivus Conference in Goma, was clearly excited about supporting U.S.-backed candidate William Swing to become director general of the IOM. Mbusa said: "We should be among the first to announce our support for Swing, first of all, of course, because he is Congolese," invoking Swing's strong ties to the DRC as former U.S. ambassador and the UN Secretary General's Special Representative.

12. Mbusa also indicated that he was willing to campaign for Swing with other African nations. He could not, however, confirm he will be in Addis for the AU summit as the GDRC has not yet designated its delegation to that meeting (ref b).

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